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SUBJ: BERNASKO RESIGNS, OTHER CHANGES

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1. RESIGNATION AS COCOA AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER AND RETIREMENT FROM ARMY OF COLONEL FRANK BERNASKO WAS ANNOUNCED AUGUST 21, TO BE EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1. BERNASKO, ACCORDING TO FAMILY SOURCES, PLANS TO BEGIN LEGAL PRACTICE IN EITHER ACCRA OR HIS HOME, CAPE COAST; HE HOLDS LLB FROM UNIVERSITY OF GHANA.

2. HE WILL BE REPLACED AS COMMISSIONER FOR COCOA AFFAIRS BY COMMANDER JOSEPH A. KYEREMEH, CURRENTLY WESTERN REGIONAL REGIONAL COMMISSIONER. KYEREMEH, WHO HAS ALSO BEEN COMMISSIONER IN BRONG-AHAFO WAS RECENTLY A LEADER GRANTEE VISITOR TO THE UNITED STATES.

3. COLONEL W.C.O. ACQUAYE-NORTEYN CURRENTLY UPPER REGION COMMISSIONER, WILL MOVE TO THE WESTERN REGION TO REPLACE KYEREMEH,
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ACQUAYE-NORTEYN HAD EARLIER BEEN GREATER ACCRA REGIONAL

COMMISSIONER. HE IS 45, A QUARTERMASTER OFFICER, AND IS CONSIDERED TO HAVE DONE A GOOD JOB IN THE UPPER REGION CARRYING OUT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS OF WHICH THE MOST NOTABLE IS THE RICE PROGRAM.

4. TO REPLACE ACQUAYE-NORTEY IN UPPER REGION THE NRC HAS NAMED MAJOR M. OFORI-AKUAMOAH, ON WHOM WE HAVE LITTLE INFORMATION. HE IS AN AIR FORCE OFFICER (TECHNICAL), 39 YEARS OLD. AS MORE INFORMATION IS DEVELOPED IT WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE DEPARTMENT.

5. COMMENT: BERASKO'S IMPENDING RESIGNATION HAS BEEN WIDELY KNOWN IN ACCRA FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. HE WAS UNHAPPY ABOUT THE LACK OF AUTHORITY HE HAD IN THE COCOA AFFAIRS MINISTRY, OVERSEEING A CROP WHICH IS ALREADY MANAGED BY THE COCOA MARKETING BOARD, WITH WHOSE NEW CHAIRMAN BERNASKO APPARENTLY DID NOT PULL ON WELL. THERE CONTINUE TO BE RUMORS THAT MORE CHANGES ARE IN THE CARDS BETWEEN NOW AND THE END OF THE YEAR.
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